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"GUSTAV".

From: STOCKHOLM

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To VIKTOR[1].

Through an emigré German actor[2], at present in the USSR, "METRE (METR)" has received a letter to "henceforth "GUSTAV". GUSTAV is about 35, a German [3 subject], anti-Hitler, although a [4] party member, concealed in his house here a friend of his wife's, a Jewess who has a refuge from Norway, gave 500 kroner to [B. provide materials] for the League[5] of German Officers in the USSR, has given some reliable [2 groups unrecovered], says that he knows nothing about the USSR except slender, proposed to METRE that liaison be established with the Soviet Legation in order to obtain propaganda material about the work of German emigrés and prisoners in the USSR. [6] GUSTAV's father died in the last war, his mother was a seamstress in HAMBURG, with difficulty he obtained an education in the business of

of [7] became a glider pilot and aviator. At present is a representative in STOCKHOLM of the [8] firm and a director of [9]

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own, but earns a lot. Is close to [5 groups unrecovered] POTTGEN, and also to the German tennis player VON KRAMM, who plays with the King. Has wide connections and is a person of authority in the German colony. He conceals his anti-Hitler feelings and actions. In the colony he is considered an exemplary Nazi, and the Hitlerite regime has exalted him among very minor people.

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T.N.: [a] The Russian word ARTIST, which is the word used here, more usually corresponds to "artiste" than "artist".

[b] Could equally well be translated as "Union". The German equivalent is BUND.

✓ Comment: [i] VIKTOR: probably Lt.-General P.M. PITIN.

[ii] member of the "Free Germany" movement in Stockholm in January 1944

[iii] METRE: unidentified cover name

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